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Injury in Nebraska 2004-2008

Injury Deaths 2004-2008

- Injury was the leading cause of death for Nebraskans ages 1-44 years.
- The three leading causes of injury death were motor vehicle crashes, suicide, and unintentional falls.
- For Nebraskans ages 5-34 years, injuries accounted for over 50% of all deaths. For Nebraskans ages 15-24 years, injury accounted for 78.6% of all deaths.
- On average, more years of potential life were lost due to unintentional and intentional injury than due to any other cause of death, with the exception of cancer.

Fig 1. Age-adjusted death rates due to leading causes of injury, Nebraska, 2004-2008

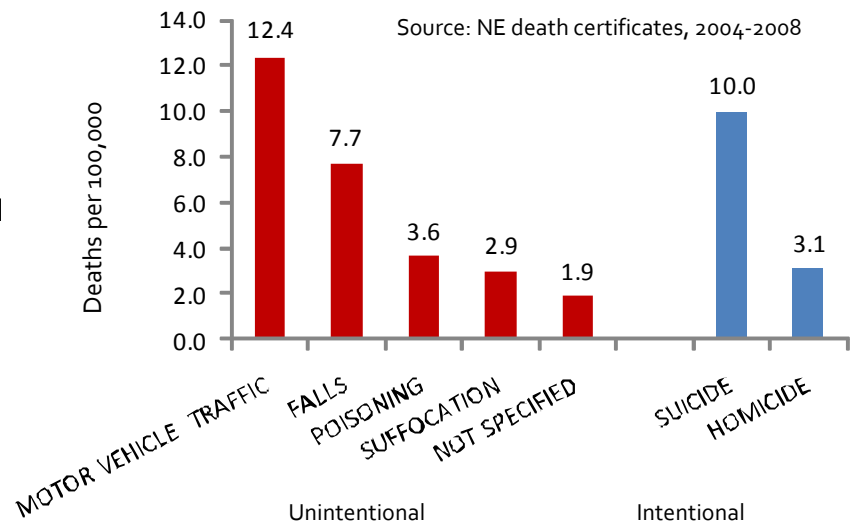
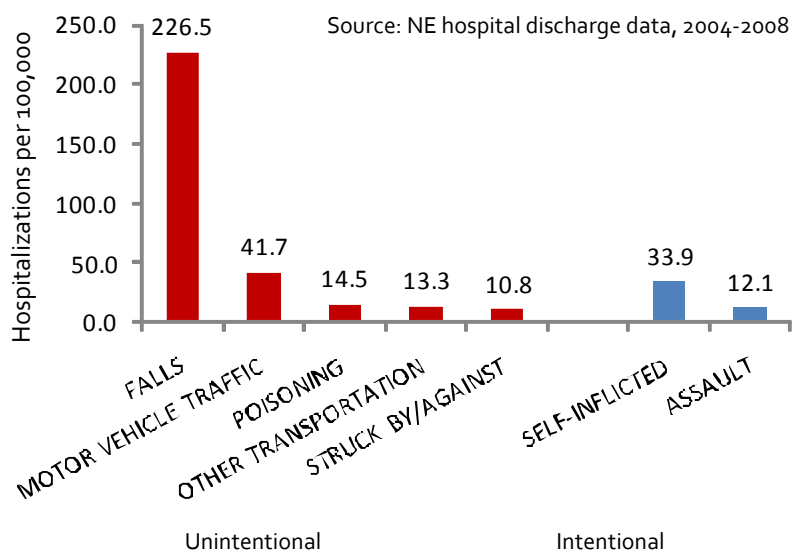


Fig 2. Age-adjusted hospitalization rates due to leading causes of injury, Nebraska, 2004-2008



Injury-related hospitalizations and emergency department (ED) visits 2004-2008

- The three leading causes of injury-related hospitalization were unintentional falls, motor vehicle crashes, and self-inflicted injuries.
- Hospitalization rates for motor vehicle crash-related injuries were highest among young adults and seniors.
- Injuries resulting from falls were low until the age of 65 years, at which age they rose dramatically.
- Unintentional falls, struck by/against, and cut/pierce were the three leading causes of ED visits due to injury.

For more information on injury in Nebraska, contact the DHHS Injury Prevention and Control Program at (402) 471-2101 or visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/hew/hpe/Injury